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In re application of

Edwin R. Scott et al.

Serial No.: 10/719,407

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For: **COMPRESSION GARMENTS AND RELATED METHODS**

**TRANSMITTAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Sir:**

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.

Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 listing 27 references submitted for consideration.
- ☐ Since all of the references are US patent documents, copies of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449, are not enclosed.
- ☒ English translations of one (1) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language.
- ☐ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and
  - ☐ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

- I. ☒ Prior to the later of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no materials other than those listed above are enclosed.
- II. ☐ Following the latter of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action, but before the mailing of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, to secure consideration thereof, one (1) of the following is also enclosed:
  - ☐ Promptness Certification; or
  - ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_ constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- III. ☐ After the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:
  - ☐ Promptness Certificate;

- ☐ Petition for Consideration; and
- ☐ Check No. in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ constituting the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).
- IV. ☐ After payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:
  - ☐ Petition to Withdraw from Issue; and
  - ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ constituting the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

C. Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of or any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

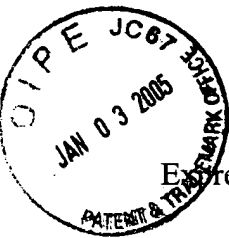
- ☒ Any fee required in relation to filing of this letter or any documents transmitted therewith.
- ☐ The submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) in the event that 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) applies and the Examiner is not satisfied that any Promptness Certificate submitted meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
- ☐ The submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- ☐ The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

Since all listed references are either in the English language or are accompanied by a translation into English, no concise explanation of relevance is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2005.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATIONS MADE BY APPLICANTU.S. Patent Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
___ 1	800,467	09/26/1905	Myers
___ 2	814,795	03/13/1906	Myers
___ 3	2,533,504	12/12/1950	Poor
___ 4	2,781,041	02/12/1957	Weinberg
___ 5	2,823,668	02/18/1958	Court et al.
___ 6	3,186,405	06/01/1965	Bailey et al.
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___ 8	3,561,435	02/09/1971	Nicholson
___ 9	3,850,167	12/26/1974	Seeley
___ 10	3,892,239	07/01/1975	Masso Remiro
___ 11	3,975,929	08/24/1976	Fregeolle
___ 12	4,157,713	06/12/1979	Clarey
___ 13	4,315,504	02/16/1982	Drennan et al.
___ 14	4,370,975	02/01/1983	Wright
___ 15	4,374,518	02/22/1983	Villanueva
___ 16	4,738,249	04/19/1988	Linman et al.
___ 17	4,945,903	08/07/1990	Alper
___ 18	4,971,041	11/20/1990	Millikan et al.
___ 19	5,014,681	05/14/1991	Neeman et al.
___ 20	5,063,910	11/12/1991	Cartier
___ 21	5,171,211	12/15/1992	Deasy, Jr.

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_____ 22	5,257,956	11/02/1993	Ewen
_____ 23	5,403,265	04/04/1995	Berguer et al.

Foreign Pate/t Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Country or Patent Office</u>	<u>Translation</u>
_____ 24	DE 43 41 722 A1		Germany	Yes
_____ 25	EP 0026799 B1	02/06/1985	EPO	N/A
_____ 26	GB 1 531 268	11/08/1978	Great Britain	N/A
_____ 27	WO 96/25108	08/22/1996	PCT	N/A

Other Documents

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### References Cited by Applicants

While the filing of Information Disclosure Statements is voluntary, the procedure is governed by the guidelines of Section 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. To be considered a proper Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 shall be accompanied by a copy of each listed patent or publication or other item of information and a translation of the pertinent portions of foreign documents (if an existing translation is readily available to the applicant), an explanation of relevance of each reference not in the English language, and should be submitted in a timely manner as set out in MPEP Sec. 609.

Examiners will consider all citations submitted in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP Sec. 609 and place their initials adjacent the citations in the spaces provided on this form. Examiners will also initial citations not in conformance with the guidelines which may have been considered. A reference may be considered by the Examiner for any reason whether or not the citation is in full conformance with the guidelines. A line will be drawn through a citation if it is not in conformance with the guidelines AND has not been considered. A copy of the submitted form, as reviewed by the Examiner, will be returned to the applicant with the next communication. The original of the form will be entered into the application file.

Each citation initialed by the Examiner will be printed on the issued patent in the same manner as references cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892.

The reference designations "A1," "A2," etc. (referring to Applicant's reference 1, Applicant's reference 2, etc.) will be used by the Examiner in the same manner as Examiner's reference designations "A," "B," "C," etc. on Office Action Form PTO-1142.

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